

Linda Reed-Haase
2344 Emerald Street
Eugene, OR 97403
May 22, 2021

RECEIVED

2021 JUN 10 P 12:08

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION

United States
Postal Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C. 20268-0001

Re: Proposed Changes/Public Comment

Dear Sirs:

The U.S. Postal Service is important U.S. infrastructure. Every segment of our society depends on the U.S. Postal Service for rapid and accurate delivery of mail. Under the proposed changes, delivery would be significantly slowed, many post offices would be closed and large segments of Post Office functions would be privatized. These are not positive changes.

Prior to retirement, I was an attorney in private practice and highly dependent on the U.S. Postal Service. I certainly used fax and email, but the Postal Service was the primary means of communication with clients and other attorneys. Now, as a retired person, I depend on the U.S. Postal Service for communications to and from my grandchild and friends and for sending and receiving bills and packages. If service is slowed, billing deadlines may be missed resulting in late fees and credit dings. Many of my friends receive prescriptions by mail. Slowed delivery may have extremely unfortunate effects on their ability to timely receive the medications so important to their health. In Oregon, we are fortunate to have voting by mail. Again, rapid and timely delivery both to receive and return ballots is vital to every Oregon voter.

Postmaster DeJoy's changes to processing and service in the summer of 2020 were disastrous. My mail was significantly slowed and I was very apprehensive that important bills, ballots and other important mail would not arrive timely, either coming or going. His 2020 changes were made without consideration of the importance of prompt and accurate mail delivery and apparent ignorance of the importance of the U.S. Postal Service to U.S. citizens.

The Postal Service is a basic and extremely important aspect of the infrastructure of the United States. It is just as important as roads, bridges, the electrical grid, and other basic infrastructure. Instead of being degraded, it needs to be supported and improved. Postmaster DeJoy obviously does not see it as critical U.S. infrastructure and is looking to diminish, not improve, it.

I know there is great concern about funding of the Postal Service. It seems more prudent to revisit the legislation requiring full funding of postal pensions rather than cutting postal service and/or privatizing portions of the Postal Service. Postal Service banking (presently operating in North Dakota) should be instituted in the rest of the country as it potentially a huge benefit to many US citizens and further source of income to the Postal Service.

For those of us who have watched privatization of government services over the last 40 plus years, the idea of privatizing portions of the Postal Service is abhorrent. When critical functions are in the hands of private companies, the bottom line becomes not service, but making a profit for owners and CEOs. This is done by cutting salaries and benefits of the work force, selling off real properties and equipment and cutting corners in every imaginable way to increase profit. This profit focus results in less qualified employees, poor service, poor morale of underpaid employees, and profits not being put back into the business. It perpetuates and exacerbates the ever-widening gap between the workers and upper management, owners and stockholders. Some of the private companies contracting to provide prison services are examples of the tragic effects of privatization of basic services generally provided by the government. Any plan that promotes and relies on privatization inevitably will result in lower paid employees, fewer benefits for employees, failure to reinvest profits back into the endeavor and excessive salaries and benefits to shareholders and CEOs along with poorer service to the public.

The U.S. Postal Service is vital infrastructure to U.S. businesses and private citizens. Its services should be improved and expanded, not cut back and privatized. Please do not adopt and ratify the changes proposed by Postmaster DeJoy.

Very Truly Yours,



Linda Reed-Haase

cc: Ron Wyden
Jeff Merkley
Peter DeFazio

Red House
2344 Emerald St
Eugene, OR 97403

EUGENE OR 974
24 MAY 2021 PM 3 L



United States
Postal Regulatory Commission
Washington D.C. 20268-0001

20268-0001

